

Proclamation

Soledad Maria Sarabia Lagareta was born on May 25, 1906, in Mazatlan, México. The second of three daughters, her parents were Mary White Islas and Tomas Sarabia.

Soledad's mother passed away when she was very young and she was orphaned at 12 when her father died during the influenza pandemic of 1918. Soledad, along with her sisters Magdalena and Lupita, lived with relatives in Mazatlan until their immigration to the United States in 1927.

Soledad settled in Los Angeles with her first cousin, who worked as a seamstress, until she met Robert Lagareta in 1934. In 1940, Soledad and Robert were married in Yuma, Arizona.

In 1945 Soledad gave birth to her first son, Roland Gary Lagareta. In 1946, her second son, Bruce Carl Lagareta, was born. Soledad and her family lived in North Hollywood, California until the death of her husband Robert in 1962.

Roland and Bruce moved to Honolulu in 1969. Seven years later, Soledad relocated to Hawai'i to be close to her sons.

Soledad currently lives at the Mānoa Gardens Elderly Housing Complex in Mānoa Valley, Honolulu where she leads a quiet, yet fully engaged life close to her friends and family. According to her son Roland, her greatest joy comes from doting on her grandchildren, Koalani Lagareta, Chad Anson Dudley, Kalin Michael Dudley, and great-grandchildren, Hoku Mariana Cleveland and Kanoa Roberto Cleveland.

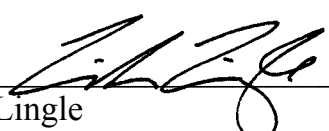
On May 28, 2006, Soledad will celebrate her 100th birthday, "La Vida Dulce," with friends and family joining her from across the United States, Mexico and Hawai'i.

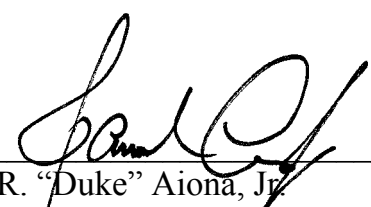
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **May 28, 2006**, as

SOLEDAD MARIA SARABIA LAGARETA DAY

in Hawai'i, and extend our best wishes for a most memorable and joyous birthday celebration.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of May 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i


James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i